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1-15. (CANCELED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fruit coring device comprising:

a handle; and

a tubular member having first and second opposed ends, the tubular member ~~member~~ [[and]] defining a longitudinal axis, the tubular member and having an interior cavity, the handle being connected adjacent the first end of the tubular member ~~being connected with the handle~~ and the second end defining a member cutting edge; and

at least one blade having a blade cutting edge, the at least one blade being supported, within the interior cavity of the tubular member, by only an inwardly facing surface of the tubular member such that an opposite end of the at least one blade extends toward the longitudinal axis but remains free and unsupported within the interior cavity, and the blade cutting edge lies substantially in a plane defined by the member cutting edge.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fruit coring device according to claim 16, wherein first and second blades are accommodated within the interior cavity of the circular tubular member and the first and second blades both lie within a blade plane and are each only connected to an inwardly facing surface of the tubular member.

18. (WITHDRAWN) The fruit coring device according to claim 16, wherein first and second pairs of blades are accommodated within the interior cavity of the tubular member, the first pair of blades lie within a first blade plane and the second pair of blades lie within a second blade plane, and the first blade plane extends substantially normal to the second blade plane.

19. (WITHDRAWN) The fruit coring device according to claim 16, wherein first and second pairs of blades are accommodated within the interior cavity of the circular tubular member, one of the first pair of blades lies within a first blade plane and the other of the first pair of blades lies within a third blade plane and the first and third blade planes extend substantially parallel to one another, one of the second pair of blades lies within a second blade plane and the other of the second pair of blades lies within a fourth blade plane and the second and fourth blade planes extend substantially parallel to one another.

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23. (NEW) A fruit coring device comprising:

a handle; and

a tubular member having first and second opposed ends with the tubular member having an interior cavity and defining a longitudinal axis, the handle being connected adjacent the first end of the tubular member and the second end of the tubular member defining a member cutting edge; and

at least one blade having a blade cutting edge, the at least one blade being formed by a cut formed in a sidewall of the tubular member and the cut sidewall is bent inward into the interior cavity of the tubular member to form the at least one blade such that an opposite end of the at least one blade extends at least half way toward the longitudinal axis but remains free and unsupported within the interior cavity, and the blade cutting edge lies substantially in a plane defined by the member cutting edge.

24. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein first and second blades are accommodated within the interior cavity of the circular tubular member and the first and the second blades both lie within a blade plane and are each only connected to an inwardly facing surface of the tubular member.

25. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein the at least one blade has a triangular shape.

26. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein the at least one blade tapers to a smallest dimension which is located adjacent the longitudinal axis.

27. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein the at least one blade is bent along a fold line which extends parallel to the longitudinal axis and an inwardly directed triangular side wall portion forms the cutting blade.

28. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein a substantially radially inwardly facing free end of the at least one blade is spaced from the longitudinal axis.

29. (NEW) A fruit coring device comprising:

a handle; and

a tubular member having first and second opposed ends with the tubular member having an interior cavity and defining a longitudinal axis, the handle being

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connect adjacent the first end of the tubular member and the second end of the tubular member defining a member cutting edge; and

opposed first and second blades each having a blade cutting edge, each of the first and the second blades being formed by a cut formed in a sidewall of the tubular member with the cut sidewall being bent inward into the interior cavity of the tubular member to form respectively the first and the second blades such that an opposite free end of the first and the second blades extends at least half way toward the longitudinal axis but remains free and unsupported within the interior cavity, and the blade cutting edge of the first and the second blades lie substantially in a plane defined by the member cutting edge.

30. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein at least one of the first and the second blades has a triangular shape.

31. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein at least one of the first and the second blades tapers to a smallest dimension which is located adjacent the longitudinal axis.

32. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein the first and the second blades are aligned with one another and the longitudinal axis.

33. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein the first and the second blades are respectively bent along a fold line which extends parallel to the longitudinal axis and an inwardly directed triangular side wall portion of each of the first and the second blades forms the cutting blade.

34. (NEW) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein a substantially radially inwardly facing free end of each of the first and the second blades is spaced from the longitudinal axis.